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The U.N.A. Pre-Convention Membership Campaign

As reported on these pages last week, the Pre-Convention Membership Campaign of the Ukrainian National Association did not reach its mark for the first half-year. But it came close to it.

The second half of the year's campaign, we believe, will reach the quota aimed at.

Especially will it depend upon our younger generation Ukrainian Americans, born and bred here.

We are depending upon them to truly show their mettle. If they are not members as yet, it is high time for them to become such.

So pitch in. Make this UNA membership drive a truly great success. Thereby you will strengthen this veritable bastion of Ukrainian American way of life.

Make a special effort this week, even at the cost of your spare time, to boost the UNA and its work, by enrolling more members in the ranks of "Batkoo Soyuz."

Autumn Resolutions

The humid weather, with which the East has been oppressed for the past several weeks, is now, at the time of this writing, a thing of the past. The air is clear and fresh.

They are enslaved these many years by one of the most efficient criminal regimes in history, the crowd, or, to put it more correctly, the mob, which occupies the Kremlin.

Give serious thought to all this in your meditations. Then follow it up with action.

First of all, make your proper contribution to the Ukrainian National Fund which is conducted by the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America.

To do this, two attributes are necessary.

First, there should be the natural instinct, which, to put it in the vernacular, is to "help the underdog."

Second, there should be the ambition to learn, to read and study, all that which can be known about the Ukrainian people, their history, culture, and their courageous and centuries-old fight to re-establish their free and independent Ukrainian National State.

This can be done by reading the Svboda, and The Ukrainian Weekly. In them is the day-by-day and week-by-week reportage and comment everything pertaining to all things Ukrainian.

Besides all this, there will remain with the person a certain sense of feeling, something to this effect: "My gosh! I am doing, and what I should be doing? For the benefit of the people of whom I am descended, of my parents, grandparents, and my forebearers, my Ukrainian ancestors, all of whom are by this time world known for their freedom-loving qualities, and who, too, are deserving of all the rights and privileges which I, as an American, am able to enjoy here.

Trials and tribulations of a person's life constitute so many sharp-cutting instruments and rough files for the polishing of jewels, it is said.

So may our young Ukrainian Americans and Canadians do their best to sharpen up and fill up the jewels of their sentiments, learning and aptitudes, in time of rest or in work, for the benefit of their brethren in Soviet Russian enslaved Ukraine.

WHY BE ON THE OUTSIDE? JOIN THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSN TODAY AND READ THE "UKRAINIAN WEEKLY!"

THE ASIAN-AFRICAN BLOC

With the opening of the Twelfth Annual Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, the question of atomic weapons and all the other subjects that have been busily discussed by the representatives of the larger powers at London and elsewhere have been transferred to the larger assembly and will be argued before representatives of the entire world.

Asia and Africa Raised From Slumber by Western Powers

There is a real reason for these apprehensions but in a sense the West has only itself to blame. Both Asia and Africa have been roused by the Western powers from centuries of slumber and they are hastening to catch up and form part of the modern world which they see all around them.

We often forget that the modern Western attitude toward Asia and Africa does not have too long an historical background.

India and Indonesia show the two sides of the picture. Nehru is neutral between East and West, but the Communists have already won one state and can use that as a lever to enforce their demands.

In fact it was not until the invention—by the Chinese, but related to the history of the Greek fire—and adaptation of gunpowder and the development of modern science that Europe definitely won the ascendancy over the rest of the world.

U.N.A. Speeches—Platitudes

What has the West to say to all this? Mere platitudes of loyalty to treaties? Speeches in the United Nations on the need of peace and understand-

was the rivalry of the great powers of Europe that prevented the final division of many lands, including China, and their fitting of them into the colonial pattern.

Japan's Reforms With German Undertones

Then the tide changed. Japan, under tremendous odds, began to reform itself on a militaristic pattern that was a modification of the old form of rule with German overtones.

This is a disturbing phenomenon, but it is more disturbing to the settled thought of the West than it is to Western potentialities.

ing? Are the principles of self-determination and of government by the consent of the governed valid only where it is a question of liberation from the lax rule of the free world or are they valid also within the Soviet Union and the newly established nations of the East?

Must Take a Decisive Stand on Ukrainian Cause

In the struggle for the sympathies and the support of the Asian and African peoples just awakening to the call of the modern world, the West, and especially the United States, must give up the vain hope of reducing tension by appeasing the Russian Communists and must take a decisive stand for the liberation not only of the satellites of the Soviet Union but of the non-Russians, in the Soviet Union itself, the Ukrainians, the Baltic republics, the Caucasians, the enslaved populations of Central Asia to the end that colonialism must be swept away and replaced by freedom.

with muskets pointed. One of the shadows strode forward. It was a tall, willowy Kozak with a long drooping mustache and a weather-beaten face that was the color of old mohogany.

BOSAY AND THE TARTAR

by MEROS LECKOW (3) "How far is it to the Sith?" "Not too far. We'll get there tomorrow sometime. I know a good spot where we can rest the horses and then it's just a short distance to the Sith."

POSSESSORS OF A MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF RICHES

By HELEN PEROZAK (Address delivered at the 25th Annual Convention of the Ukrainian Youth League of North America, held during the past Labor Day weekend in Detroit, Mich.)

There's a popular film show on television that gives away a million dollars every week. It's called "The Millionaire."

Which of us would not like to receive a million dollars, no strings attached? I've watched this program many times, and without exception someone has fervently breathed, "Wish that million dollars would come my way."

Ukrainian literature includes, too, Mykola Hohol, better known by his Russian name Gogol, who gave the world "Taras Bulba" and "Dead Souls," and Anton Chekhov, short-story writer and dramatist.

There is Ukrainian language, which opens the door to music and literature. It is a musical language, full of onomatopoeic words that express sounds, like "ghamaty"—to bristle, "cherk" that translates the motion of a cutting instrument, "shoom" that means rustling as of wind through leaves. It has picturesque words describing sound and motion: "to blow with violent puffs," "to scrape on the violin," "to go slowly in mud."

There is Ukrainian music, outstanding in creative imagination and diversity. Ukrainian melodies, whether sung by choirs or solo or played instrumentally, have fired the imagination of audiences throughout the world. They have been the source of themes for many prominent foreign composers—Beethoven, Weber, Haydn, Liszt, Glinka, Chopin, Bartok, Moussorgsky. The renowned Tchaikowsky, whose father was Ukrainian, utilized Ukrainian folk melodies in his compositions. Bortniansky, Vedula and Berezovsky, who are

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eliminate the possibility of a surprise attack. Bosay settled down to sleep and although he was extremely fatigued after the hard ride he seemed very restless. He lay awake staring at the sky. Finally he rose to his feet and walked around the camp, poking about and speaking to Danylo Lesyk, the guard on duty. The walk appeared to help for when he returned, he slept soundly for the balance of the afternoon.

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"WHAT DO I GET FOR MY MONEY?"

By THEODORE LUTWINIAK

"I am thinking of becoming a member of the Ukrainian National Association," a young man recently wrote me, "but first I would like to know what I'll get for my money. My parents recommended the organization to me, but they didn't give me too much in the way of information."

Well, first of all, a new member receives a certificate of membership which entitles him to privileges and benefits plus insurance protection; this certificate also provides for cash or loan value, paid-up insurance, and extended insurance. Dividends are payable after two calendar years of membership. Double indemnity coverage is available, too. The dues (or rates) vary according to age, type of certificate, amount of insurance, whether or not double indemnity protection is involved, and whether or not a subscription to the Svboda is included.

In case of chronic incurable illness, permanent disability, loss of sight, or amputation of limbs, the member may apply for benefits from the UNA Indigent Fund.

The UNA has two newspapers, the Svboda and The

BOOK REVIEW

Spivomovsky. By Stepan Rudansky. New York: Surma. 1956. p. 305. \$3.00.

There are Ukrainian songs—ceremonial chants and Christmas carols, Easter songs, the ballads of the bandurists. They tell us of a tree of the world, of a well-to-do farmer sitting at a costly table made of yew, of his expensive green wines and sweet meads, and of his beaver furs and silk garments.

There is Ukrainian history, a story highlighted by the exploits of the Ukrainian Kozaks, defenders of Ukraine and Orthodoxy (and by the same token, defenders of Christianity and Western civilization). Their deeds and daring have been immortalized by Byron, Hugo, Voltaire and Liszt. Their unique republic attracted MacGregors from Scotland, O'Connells from Ireland, peasant refugees fleeing the oppression of the Polish nobility, learned men from Greece. Ukrainian history recounts the story of a nation whose glory once rivalled that of Constantinople, capital of the Eastern Roman Empire. It tells of the unceasing efforts of the Ukrainian people to maintain their freedom and independence

him wide popularity among Ukrainian readers. Some of his lyrics, for example "Povy, vityre, na Vkrayinu," are sung like folk songs.

The book is supplemented by Ivan Lyzaniyevsky's article about the poet.

Yar Slavutych U.S. Army Language School ("Book Abroad," Summer, 1957 issue.)

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Poet's Corner

Expostulation After Seeing "The Merchant of Venice"

Jeer not at wretched Shylock, Gratiano, For desolated is the man now: His ducats, diamonds, daughter gone, all gone; His holdings by court order confiscated; The solace of religion stripped away, To leave him, verily, sackcloth and ashes (Nought else) to clothe him in his drear old age.

A. S. Flaumenhaft

